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On February 3, 1977, Konstanty Hanff advised a confidential source that the publication of "East Europe" magazine had been suspended apparently due to the mismanagement by the publisher, Jon Speller, in New York City. Plans to continue publication of the magazine are currently in a state of turmoil. Hanff claims to have given Speller \$4,000 in the last year which was diverted to other publications. There are currently two to three thousand subscribers to whom money is owed. Accordingly, Hanff intends to establish a new editorial board to take over the publication of the magazine.

A group of the proposed members for the editorial board met February 2, 1977, in New York City and decided that they wanted the magazine to be truly east European, international, and not focused on any single ethnic group. Vasily Glascow is a proposed member of the editorial board; however, he is controversial among the Russian emigres because of his conduct in World War II. Glascow has talked to Alexander Solzhenitsyn but found that he was not interested in direct political activity beyond one interview which he let be broadcast over Radio Liberty. Glascow is also interested in approaching Vladimir Vukhovsky

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and other new Soviet dissidents. One of the Cuvalo brothers (Franciscan priests) will represent the Croats on the board and they will also furnish a Serb to avoid taking sides on a purely local dispute. Bishop Simeon Dimitrov of Bedford Hills, New York, will provide a Bulgarian and will advise on the Russian nominees.

Hanff advised that when he takes over the magazine it will become more militant. It was felt that through this the magazine could provide an outlet for the publication of a variety of opinions by the emigres, including recent defectors and academicians.

Hanff indicated that the people from the Polish legation to the United Nations are trying very hard to gain the confidence of some of his close associates, including his son. He appears to have inside information gathered from the Polish Intelligence Service (PIS) and intends to edit a new edition of "Free Poland" for staff use only containing highly provocative materials to leak to the PIS. He added that one of his associates was in contact with Wieslaw Mickiewicz, a high-ranking officer of the Polish Consulate in Chicago, directly engaged in espionage. The last conversation with him indicated that the communists were fearful of the activities of Hanff and associates and especially in respect to their cooperation with the Polish Socialist Party. Hanff did not identify the individual in contact with Mickiewicz but indicated that Mickiewicz had requested some technical espionage "favors". Mickiewicz further indicated that a new agreement between the United States of America and Poland had been reached according to which the USA would create difficulties for Polish citizens in obtaining permanent residency in the United States.

On February 13, 1977, Hanff advised that the following members of the editorial board of "East Europe" magazine have been proposed:

A Czech shall be recommended by Dr. Rudolf Kopecky of London;

A Bulgarian shall be recommended by Dr. Marinoff of Munich;

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A Georgian, Major Doctor Gabliani or Professor George Nakashidze of Harvard University were provided;

A Romanian doctor from St. Louis;

A Russian, Nikolai Tetenov, a dissident from the USSR personally acquainted with Vukhovsky;

A Serb to be proposed by Father Cuvalo;

A Ukranian, Demian Melnik, leader of the Peasant Party.

Hanff indicated that final appointments would be made only after "East Europe" was established.

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